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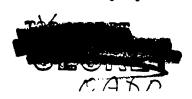
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turbed at the list of weapons we consider offensive in accordance with the exchange of letters between President Kenn and Mr. Khrushchev which you furnished to Kusnetsov. (Ye 1606, N. vember 2)

a confidential indication that the Soviet Government is quite dis-

The Ambassador gave no clear indication of what particular items the Soviets find objectionable.

You should promptly endeavor ascertain from Kunnetsov what particular items are of concern. We would be prepared to apply a marrow definition to "mechanical and electronic equipment" in para five reftsi. You might explain that what was ist electronic and other equipment for missiles, could not be available so that all that was lacking ties themselves to re-establish offensive missile seviets are probably particularly concerned at the inclusion of "communications equipment" and we would be prepared to drop this and return to the language of the proclamation.



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We might size he prepared to drop reference to the Komar-class motor torpedo hosts but you should refer back before any final agreement on this. Perhaps compromise on the latter item might be to leave Komars already there if additional vessels of this type not furnished.

You could explain that at the time agreement was reached by the President's letter of October twenty-seventh and Khroshchev's reply of October twenty-eight, the list of what we considered offensive weapons had already been made public by President's proclamation and by the President's press conferents of September thirteenth, as well as President's address on October twenty-second.

If you consider useful you could also state that we have not included any items on the list with a view to obtaining access to soviet technology. The one item on which we must be absolutely clear is that the IL-20's must be eliminated and for the present would be considered offensive.

The general limitation so far as the rest of the list is concerned in imposed by the fact that the list in the proclamation has been made public. Within this limitation we would be prepared to remove any legitimate soviet difficulties.